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SUBJECT: ENTEBBE OPERATION TO BE FILMED

1. A BULLETIN ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE AUGUST 12 ANNOUNCED THAT AN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN SIGNED BETWEEN WARNER BROS. INC. AND THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY FOR GOI ASSISTANCE FOR PRODUCING IN ISRAEL A FILM ON THE ENTEBBE RESCUE OPERATION TO BE ENTITLED "OPERATION JONATHAN." ACCORDING TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT, WARNER BROS. IS PREPARED TO START PREPRODUCTION WORK IMMEDIATELY AND HAS UNDERTAKEN TO COMPLETE AND DISTRIBUTE THE FILM NO LATER THAN THE SUMMER OF 1977. ACCORDING TO THE AGREEMENT, WARNER BROS. WILL BE THE ONLY FILM COMPANY TO WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE ASSISTANCE AND IN RETURN THE COMPANY WILL ASSIGN AN UNDISCLOSED PORTION OF ITS EXPECTED REVENUE FROM THE FILM TO AN IDF BENEVOLENT FUND. THE BUDGET FOR THE FILM IS EXPECTED TO TOTAL \$10 MILLION AND WARNER BROS. STATED ITS INTENTION TO PRODUCE ADDITIONAL FILMS IN ISRAEL DURING THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

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